

## SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

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Tuesday, June 30, 2015, 6:00 p.m, Old Schoolhouse Common

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Present: Selectboard members Chris Martin and Andy Perchlik; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; Visitors Jackie Rieke, Sarah Galbraith, and Tristan Von Duntz; Will Walters (Hardwick Gazette)

At 6:00 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Chair Andrew Perchlik

**Changes to the Agenda:** The Board added discussion of an accident, computer issue, and a request for a catering permit. Status of the railroad bed and Bailey Pond Road was postponed.

**John Warshow:** The Board expressed their sorrow at the passing of Selectboard member John Warshow. Those present reminisced about the issues that John dealt with and all of the people that he served with. He helped the town get on a good schedule for equipment replacements. He dealt with all of the highway grants. He was especially good at dealing with people, even when they were angry or disrespectful.

Bobbi will post notice of the vacancy.

**Catering Permit:** Jackie Rieke of Onion River Campground attended the meeting and explained that she has a liquor license through another business, Nutty Steph's, and she has obtained a catering license. She would like to sell beer and wine at a community pig roast on July 18<sup>th</sup>. The Selectboard approved her request for a catering permit.

**Stranahan Bike Path:** The Selectboard received a letter from sugarmaker Jim Brimblecombe, explaining the risks involved with having bikes in the part of the forest where there is tubing; he does not want to assume the liability for any injuries to bikers or damage that may occur, since he is not asking for permission or granting permission for the bike trail – it will be an agreement between the bike club and the Town.

Sarah explained that the bike club's insurance can name the Town as an additional insured. She has asked about also naming the Brimblecombes but she has not heard back yet. She and Tristan noted that they will follow accepted standards, and the trail will be built to be safe.

Chris suggested that as the lessor, the Town could be responsible for damages to the tubing that result from biking, and could deduct the damages from the lease payment.

Andy stated that the sugarmaker should look at the current lease and suggest revisions, given the change of circumstances. The bike club will work with Jim to flag the proposed location.

**Accident:** The Town's tractor/mower threw a stone and broke a windshield on a vehicle belonging to Guthrie Perry. The Selectboard voted to pay for a new windshield.

**Computer issue:** Bobbi explained that due to a computer malfunction, the town lost emails from the end of January until the middle of June. The Board approved an expenditure for new backup software.

**Leibold Cows:** Chris reported that he has not seen them out during the last few days. He noted that they are in a smaller enclosure so the owner will have to purchase feed for them.

**Dogs:** The Selectboard signed the warrant for unlicensed dogs; it will be forwarded to the dog officer.

**Sidewalks:** The Board reviewed specifications for plowing the sidewalks.

**Stranahan Logging:** Chris spoke with the County Forester, Dan Singleton, and no one in this area knows the logger and he has not been able to verify references.

**Bunker Hill Circle:** The Selectboard has asked surveyor Lisa Ginett (Sunwise Surveying) to find or reset the pins at the Lawrence/Stanger properties so where the Town's boundary is.

**Expenses, Permits & Payroll:** Selectboard members read and signed reports for General Expenses and Payroll. They approved the minutes of the June 2 and June 16 meetings with minor corrections.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the June 30, 2015 Selectboard Meeting.  
A True Record. Attest, \_\_\_\_\_, Town Clerk

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